

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

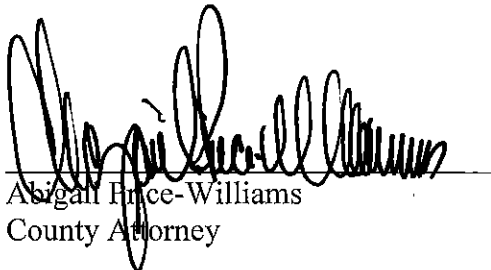
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 5, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution waiving the term
limits imposed by sections
2-752(c) and 2-11.38.2(b) of
the Code of Miami-Dade County
by a two-thirds vote of this Board
to approve the reappointment of
Steve Leifman to the Miami-
Dade County Homeless Trust
Board

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez.


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☒ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ☒, 3/5's ☐, unanimous ☐) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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10-5-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE TERM LIMITS IMPOSED BY SECTIONS 2-752(C) AND 2-11.38.2(B) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THIS BOARD TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF STEVE LEIFMAN TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOMELESS TRUST BOARD

WHEREAS, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida Associate Administrative Judge Steve Leifman's dedication, service and criminal justice experience have significantly contributed to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Steve Leifman has served with distinction as a member of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust ("Homeless Trust") since 2001; and

WHEREAS, Steve Leifman has also served as the Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Homeless Trust since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Steve Leifman is an appointment to the Homeless Trust Board by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Steve Leifman has been instrumental and nationally recognized for his work in decriminalizing mental illness in Miami-Dade County and serves as a Special Advisor on Criminal Justice and Mental Health for the Supreme Court of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Steve Leifman also serves as Chairman of South Florida Behavioral Health Network which oversees funding designated by the State of Florida to help individuals with mental disorders and addiction problems; and

WHEREAS, data shows that a large percentage of homeless individual in Miami-Dade County suffer from mental illness and addiction; and

WHEREAS, Steve Leifman's continued service ensures the representation of an expert in the area of criminal justice and mental health on the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust Board, which serves as the lead agency for the Continuum of Care, as it works to coordinate with a network of partners and providers to end homelessness in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2-752(c) of the Miami-Dade County Code, the Board by a two-thirds vote of its full membership is authorized to waive the established term limits; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2-11.38.2(b) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the Board is authorized to waive term limits for advisory board members by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of members present,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board, pursuant to sections 2-752(c) and 2-11.38.2(b) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, waives the established term limits by a two-thirds vote of its full membership, thereby approving the reappointment of Steve Leifman to the Homeless Trust Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

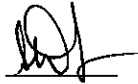
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of October, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Shannon D. Summerset-Williams

JUDGE STEVEN LEIFMAN

Biography

From 2007 – 2010, Miami-Dade County Judge Steve Leifman served as Special Advisor on Criminal Justice and Mental Health for the Supreme Court of Florida. In this capacity, Judge Leifman was responsible for chairing the Court's Mental Health Subcommittee, which authored a ground-breaking report entitled, *Transforming Florida's Mental Health System*. This report, which has received considerable state and national recognition, outlines recommendations with the goal of decreasing inappropriate and costly involvement of people with mental illnesses in the justice system. Since October, 2010 Judge Leifman has chaired the Florida Supreme Court's Task Force on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in the Court.

Due to his expertise in the areas of criminal justice and mental health, Judge Leifman has been appointed to serve in a variety of capacities on local, state, and national bodies, including Co-Chair of the Council of State Governments/TAPA Center for Jail Diversion Judges' Criminal Justice/Mental Health Leadership Initiative, Co-Chair of the Miami-Dade County Mayor's Mental Health Task Force, Board of Directors of the American Psychiatric Association Foundation, member of the National Leadership Forum for Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Services, member of the American Bar Association Task Force on Criminal Justice Mental Health Standards, and a Voluntary Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Miami School of Medicine. In addition, Judge Leifman serves as Chair of the South Florida Behavioral Health Network and Finance Chair of the Miami-Dade Homeless Trust. He is also the past Board Chair of Florida Partners in Crisis. In May of 2012, Judge Leifman was invited to the Peoples Republic of China by the Chinese Psychiatric Association to assist them in the development of the first Chinese Mental Health Law.

In recognition of his tireless efforts, Judge Leifman has received numerous awards including; the 2015 William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence. One of the nation's highest judicial honors, the Rehnquist Award is presented annually to a state court judge who exemplifies judicial excellence, integrity, fairness, and professional ethics. Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts Jr. presented the award to Judge Leifman during a ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. on November 19, 2015.

Judge Leifman is also the first recipient to receive the Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Award for Judicial Excellence (2015). Presented by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, this prestigious award honors a state trial court judges who exemplify judicial excellence, including strength of character, integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, knowledge of the law, sound judgment, professional ethics, intellectual courage, compassion, and decisiveness.

In addition, Judge Leifman was the first recipient of the 2016 Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP) "Dear Abby Award," the 2016 Spanish American League Against Discrimination "Sense of Community Award," a 2014 American Psychiatric Association Presidential Commendation, the 2014 Spero Award from Weill Cornell Medical College, the Dade County Bar Association 2014 Justice Louis Brandeis Award, the 2014 Lawyers To The Rescue Humanitarian Award, the Dade County Bar Association 2013 Criminal Justice Award,

the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation 2012 Productive Lives Award, the Society of Biological Psychiatry 2012 Humanitarian Award, the American Psychiatric Association 2012 Advocacy Award, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce 2012 Miami's Leaders Award, the 2011 Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundle Award and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) 2008 Distinguished Service Award (NAMI National's Highest Honor).

Judge Leifman has also been featured in many national and local television programs, radio programs and articles regarding mental health and the criminal justice system including, The New England Journal of Medicine, CBS News; USA Today; CNN: Anderson Cooper Special Report; CNN: Special Investigations Unit, The Criminally Insane; NBC Nightly News; PBS: Minds on the Edge, Facing Mental Illness; NPR: All Things Considered; the New York Times; the Washington Post; Wall Street Journal; Governing Magazine; CBS4: The Forgotten Floor; WPLG- TV10: This Week in South Florida; the Miami Herald and Miami Today. He has also authored and published numerous articles and book chapters on mental illnesses and the criminal justice system.